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AUSSIES DRAW

By JOHN ECONOMOS (in NEW ZEALAND)

AUSTRALIA'S WORLD CUP side kicked off its campaign with an away nil-all draw against a faster, much more composed New Zealand side at the magnificent Mt Smart Stadium.

Mt Smart Stadium although magnificent in structure and lay-out, has a very poor surface despite its lush-green appearance.

The surface is perfectly flat, but has a sand base for very quick drainage and as a result is very hard.

The "All Whites" rocked the Aussies in the first session with fast physical shut-downs and good tight passing.

Australia, most inexplicably suffered from nerves in this opening session. I say inexplicably because the five Aussie offenders (the midfielders and two defenders), were amongst Australia's most experienced men.

New Zealand's first shot at the target zeroed in from their captain and sweeper, Allan Boath from 20 metres which flashed over the top.

ROCKET-HIT

Australia's right-back-cum-midfielder, Zarko Odzakovic rocked the whole stadium in the 18th minute with a spectacular shot that could have grabbed both points for Australia in their first 1986 Cup qualifier.

Odzakovic collected the ball from the left side and from 30 metres out, belted a vicious left-footed rocket drive with the outside of his boot, that screamed well on target.

But New Zealand's goalkeeper, Frank Van Hattum, only by reflex, dived to his right flicking the ball onto the underside of the cross-bar for it to bounce out of danger.

Australia's midfield was terrible, as they nervously attempted tackles, repeatedly lost possession, thus instantly putting the Australian defence under severe pressure.

New Zealand's twin-strike force of Wynton Rufer and Colin Walker ran riot in the first session as they had space, time and a supply of quality balls knocked into them.

The "All White" midfield of Grant Turner,

Steve Sumner and the pacey Declan Edge played all over the Aussie trio in the first period as Australia tended to wait for them in the tackle.

RATCLIFFE

Centre-back, David Ratcliffe, arguably Australia's most valuable player over the last three years, again supplied a sterling performance with his steel-like determination as he fought to stem the tide and settle matters down the back.

But the lanky blond target-man, David Mitchell, upfront with his captain John Kosmina, battled alone magnificently around the New Zealand box, against

FIVE defenders.

If that wasn't enough, Mitchell and Kosmina suffered the indignity of having to attack with a ball-supply which was both sparse and of low quality.

Boath verbally "needled" Mitchell and in the 29th minute the latter brought Boath down with a body-crushing tackle which earned Boath medical attention and Mitchell a yellow card from England referee, Keith Hackett.

In fact had it not been for Hackett's superb professional control of the match, it could have ended in a bloodbath.

DISALLOWED GOAL

Hackett was very firm, quick and clear with all his decisions.

New Zealand claimed they were robbed in the 39th minute.

Rubbish.

The "robbery" went like this . . .

Australia's goalkeeper, Terry Greedy, controlled the ball twice from a shot and Hackett the referee awarded New Zealand a free-kick.

Striker Colin Walker quickly pushed a short kick to Wynton Rufer who slammed home

from short range as Greedy argued with the referee.

But the referee correctly disallowed the goal, ruling that Greedy was not ready to guard his goals, being too busy questioning the Englishman about the free-kick.

Later, Hackett waited

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WORLD CUP UNDER THREAT

BY FRANK COLETTA

WITH ALL the horrific devastation that three massive earthquakes have caused in Mexico, there is now a serious doubt on whether or not next years World Cup Finals will be staged in Mexico or not.

ASW was today informed that FIFA would inspect the conditions of the proposed World Cup facilities.

It was reported that after the three shattering quakes that the pitches and stadiums themselves had suffered severe damage with most of the playing surfaces having massive cracks running through them.

If this is true then FIFA may well be searching for another nation to host the Finals. Something which would prove very difficult with the limited time remaining before the scheduled kick-off.

As it is, with the quakes partially and in

some cases totally destroying some 100 multi-storey buildings it would seem highly likely that soccer stadiums, albeit of little importance to the tragic situation that now encompasses Mexico, would have had to suffer damage of some sort.

The risk factor will also be taken into account as there would be the possibility of further quakes through the terror stricken country.

Let us hope that all turns out well in Mexico, apart from the soccer aspect which as stated previously is of relative importance.

A decision will be made during the week by the FIFA officials.

RASIC CONFIRMED AS APIA COACH

FORMER World Cup Soccer supremo Rale Rasic was this week officially appointed as the 1986 coach of Apia Leichhardt.

Rasic's signing is the first of many that Apia plan in the next few months in an attempt to regain their former status of being one of Australia's leading clubs.

Rasic last night was unavailable for comment but it is believed he is eager to enlist the ser-

vices of four to five top notch players to bolster Apia's depleted squad.

Rasic had earlier intended not to coach again within the ranks of the NSL, but the Apia club has obviously wet his appetite once again to coach in the cut throat world. — TONY RACITI



TERRY GREEDY of Australia takes the ball under pressure from Colin Walker of the All Whites. At left supporting Greedy is Steve O'Connor and Graham Jennings is on the goal-line.

The Editor

BARE-FACED CHEEK — that is the only way to describe the outrageous challenge NSL champions, Brunswick Juventus sent out Italian giants A.S. Roma.

You see when Brunswick met Sydney City in the NSL Grand Final two-legged play-off (What a mouthful!), their goal was two-fold.

They were obviously after the title of Australian national champions but also there was the incentive to earn themselves a trip to Europe, promised to them if they won the National title by their committee.

Well it is history now that they did win, but now they have sent a cheeky (that is the only way to describe it) challenge to one of Europe's leading clubs.

If they ever do meet, the mind boggles as to what the star-studded Romans may do to Brunswick, with the likes of Boniek, Conti, Falcao and Pruzzo, the scoreboard attendant may wish he were working at a cricket match!

Seriously though, Brunswick must be given full credit for a stupendous season, only their second out of the Victorian State League but they would be better advised to watch what they say and to tread carefully when issuing further challenges.

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I haven't and never will make any attempt to hide the fact that I am a real mad keen Red Devil supporter, so I must say the 'blitzkrieg' Manchester United have set upon the English Canon League is something to behold and treasure.

Admittedly it has been a long time coming, but it seems they have the rails run in their attempt to finally crack that elongated 18 year 'duck'.

The championship seems destined for Old Trafford, it would be fair to say this as the side has not lost in eight games, for that matter they haven't dropped a point in that time.

But ... as is always said, there is long way to go.

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WE'VE DONE IT AGAIN. ASW has once more grabbed another scoop and we have proved it doesn't have to be just here in Australia for us to snare a headliner.

Only a matter of hours after we went to press last week, Steve McMahon signed for Liverpool, we surfaced the rumour last week on the UK page and although Liverpool's player-manager, Kenny Dalglish insisted Paul Walsh would not be going to Aston Villa, he didn't say McMahon wouldn't be signed ... and what happened? McMahon who had previously turned down the Merseyside giants is now a Liverpoolian!

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CROATIA may well be hot on the heels of Robbie Wheatley in an attempt to sign the gifted defender but they will have to put up with some real stern opposition if they are to gain his services.

Not only is his present club Blacktown confident of keeping him but the very reliable word is that another club not far from Wheatley's current surroundings at Blacktown want him to sign on the dotted line also ... should make for an interesting couple of weeks.

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My congratulations are extended to Polonia midfielder, Henry Sobczyk on winning the 16th NSW State League Rothmans medal at the ripe old age of 37! What is the saying? Midfielders just get better with age.

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NO WONDER we in Australia don't have the same sought of fervour building up just prior to a new football season as other countries do ... simply because it is a never ending vigil here.

Over in Europe the start of the domestic competitions bring excitement and expectation, but here it is a just a case of utter deflation for the fans as we are hit with competition after competition.

Now we hear of all these Ethnic Cups kicking off. Not one or two, but THREE, all in the vicinity of Sydney, with this sought of saturation how can we truly expect the fans to look forward to the upcoming season? We can't and I don't really blame them.

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STEVE O'CONNOR cannot be admonished for not 'keeping his eyes on the ball'!

EUROPEAN RESULTS: CUP-WINNERS' CUP, 1st Rnd, 1st Leg: Galatasaray (Turkey) 1, Widzew Lodz (Poland) 0, Larisa (Greece) 1, Sampdoria (Italy) 1, Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 2, Aarau (Switzerland) 0, Helsingfors (Finland) 3, Flamurtari Vlore (Albania) 2, Lyngby (Denmark) 1, Galway United (Ireland), AEL Limassol (Cyprus) 2, Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 2, Utrecht (Netherlands) 2, Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 1, AIK Stockholm (Sweden) 8, Differdange (Luxembourg) 0, Rapid Vienna (Austria) 5, Tatabányai Bányász (Hungary) 0.

UEFA CUP: Chernomorets Odessa (Soviet Union) 2, Werder Bremen (West Germany) 1, Dinamo Bucharest (Romania) 2, Vardar Skopje (Yugoslavia) 1, Wisluta Aue (East Germany) 1, Dnepropetrovsk (Soviet Union) 3, Coleraine (Northern Ireland) 1, Lokomotiv Leipzig (East Germany) 1, Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union), Turun Palloseura (Finland) 0, Pirin Blagoevgrad (Bulgaria) 1, Hammarby (Sweden) 3, Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 5, Metz (France) 1, Videoton (Hungary) 1, Malmö (Sweden) 0, Linz (Austria) 1, Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia), Apollon Nicosia (Cyprus) 2, Lokomotiv Sofia (Bulgaria) 2, AEK Athens (Greece) 1, Real Madrid (Spain) 0, Cologne (West Germany) 0, Sporting Gijón (Spain) 0, Sparta Rotterdam (Netherlands) 2, Hamburg (West Germany), Athletic Bilbao (Spain) 4, Besiktas Istanbul (Turkey) 1, Borussia Mönchengladbach (West Germany) 1, Lech Poznan (Poland) 1, Neuchâtel Xamax (Switzerland) 3, Sportul Bucharest (Romania) 0, Rába ETO Győr (Hungary) 3, Bohemians Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1, Legia Warsaw (Poland) 3, Viking (Norway) 0.

EUROPEAN CUP: Górnik Zabrze (Poland) 1, Bayern Munich (West Germany) 2, Zenit Leningrad (Soviet Union) 2, Valerenga (Norway) 0, Rabat Ajax (Morocco) 0, Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus), Honvéd Budapest (Hungary) 2, Shamrock Rovers (Ireland) 0, Kuusysi Lahti (Finland) 2, Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) 1, Vejle (Denmark) 1, Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 1, Jeunesse d'Esch (Luxembourg) 2, Juventus (Italy) 5, Gothenburg (Sweden) 3, Trakia Plovdiv (Bulgaria) 2, Akranes (Iceland) 1, Aberdeen (Scotland) 3, Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1, Barcelona (Spain) 2.

ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION RESULTS

Manchester Uni 5 (Brazil 2, Blackmore, Stachan, Stapleton) West Brom 1, Birmingham 2, Leicester 1, Chelsea 2, Arsenal 1, Everton 2, Liverpool 3, Ipswich 0, Aston Villa 3, Luton 2, QPR 0, Manchester City 2, West Ham 2, Newcastle 3, Oxford 0, Notts Forest 3, Watford 2, Soton 1, Coventry 1.

RED'S DERBY ... UNITED WIN AGAIN

"WHY doesn't Kenny Dalglish retire as player to concentrate on the bigger job as manager of Liverpool?"

That question has been asked several times this season but, after Liverpool beat their deadly rivals Everton 3-2 at Goodison Park, the answer was obvious.

Dalglish is too good a player to retire.

He set his team on the victory road before many of the fans had even settled in their places in the Everton ground.

Dalglish's opening goal was timed at just 25 seconds!

More goals came from Ian Rush and Steve McMahon and the match was won, despite an Everton second-half fight-back and goals from Graeme Sharp and Gary Lineker.

Liverpool are now in second place with 18 points but this still leaves them way behind the confident table-toppers, Manchester United.

At The Hawthorns on Saturday, United had a sensational 5-1 victory over hapless West Brom.

United are nine points clear of Liverpool and have scored 26 goals conceding only three.

They survived the loss through injury of Mark Hughes and Peter

Barnes. The promoted "forgotten man" Alan Brazil came in to grab two goals.

Clayton Blackmore scored another as did Gordon Strachan and Frank Stapleton.

But there was bad news, also, for the Run-away Reds. After getting his goal, Strachan was taken off with a possible fractured collar bone.

He collided with a goalpost.

Another team in high-scoring mood was Tottenham Hotspur, who slaughtered Sheffield Wednesday 5-1.

Mark Falco scored twice and so did Chris Waddle, the other goal being supplied by Glenn Hoddle.

Portsmouth and Blackburn Rovers keep up the good work in second division in their bid for promotion although Portsmouth's ambitions were dented in a surprise 2-0 defeat from Oldham at Boundary Park.

Even so, Pompey remain in top spot.

Celtic were unable to play their game at Dundee United when heavy rain flooded the pitch but their Scottish championship rivals failed to cash

in on this.

Rangers had an unexpected defeat from Dundee at Ibrox Park by the only goal of the game and Aberdeen dropped a precious home point when St Mirren held them to a 1-1 draw.

Tommy McQueen put Aberdeen in front just after half-time and Gardner Spiers got the equaliser for St Mirren.

Oddly enough, both goals came from penalty kicks.

Celtic are the only undefeated team in the Scottish Premier Division.

FOOTNOTE: Which team has the worst defensive record in the UK? West Bromwich Albion, with a depressing record of 28 goals conceded, are the team. But their neighbours, Wolverhampton Wanderers, are almost as bad. Wolves have given away 26 goals.

N.S.W. FIRST DIVISION GRAND FINAL

West Wallsend 2 defeated Belmont-Swansea 1 after extra time.

The Football Centre

BY TOM ANDERSON

NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRES may be a relatively new concept here in Australia, but they are now a way of sporting life in Europe.

Indeed they are now a vital commodity on the high pressure professional sports scene and without them competition at the highest level would be almost impossible.

We have our Australian Institute of Sport which of course is only for the elite few in Australian Sport.

What is needed is National Sports Centres where teams and the not-

so-elite can prepare.

The Valentine Sports Complex at Parklea is one centre that could fit this bill when fully developed and the hotel-style accommodation is completed.

What I would like happen is that representatives of the NSW Soccer Federation take a trip to Holland to view the setup at the National Sports Centre at Sittard.

This would give a complete insight of what the finished product should be all about.

Having spent over a week in Sittard with the Young Soccerists on the way to the recent World Youth Championships in Russia, I have nothing but the highest praise for the set-up.

And indeed this is the ideal headquarters for any Australian sporting

team participating in Europe - especially a soccer team.

The National Sports Centre stands in 50 hectares on the outskirts of the town of Sittard in Limburg, the southernmost province in the Netherlands.

Due to this ideal situation, very close to the Belgium and West German borders it is the favorite meeting place for the national and international sports world.

In the immediate vicinity of the centre, motorways provide fast connections to the rest of Holland and neighbouring countries.

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The centre can almost be described as a village and its facilities include a soccer stadium and loads of pitches, a large sports hall, a general facilities building, swimming pools - indoor and outdoor, various other sports fields for hockey and baseball etc, and an athletic field and fitness tracks.

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for Greedy to come out of the dressing rooms before play recommenced for the second session, to explain to the smiling custodian his ruling over the original free-kick. Professional stuff.

Seven minutes after the break and Australia slowly gaining composure, New Zealand's Rufer's cross from the left saw Walker get on the end of it 20 metres out. Walker blasted on target but Australia's goalkeeper, Terry Greedy blocked brilliantly on the first post.

TWO CHANCES

Australia looked dangerous in the 65th minute when midfielder, Oscar Crino, knocked out wide to Kosmina. Kosmina surged into New Zealand's box from the right, and cut-back a lovely ball to Crino on the first post.

But Crino muffed a glorious chance from 5 metres out as Kiwi centre-back Ceri Evans raced across to cover the glaring chance.

And yet again with five minutes left on the clock, Kosmina set up Crino on a one on one situation with the goalkeeper well off his line, but Crino's poor chip flew well over the cross-bar with nobody at "home".

New Zealand had surprised Australia as they lined up in defence with two centre-backs PLUS a sweeper. The Kiwis have never fielded a back-five before.

After the match, a somewhat solemn but satisfied Australian coach, Frank Arok, told the Press:

"Any away draw will do me fine right now. I must be honest and say that I was impressed by New Zealand and they will give Israel a good run."

But a somewhat arrogant Kevin Fallon, the Kiwi's coach, smirked and stated:

"Australia should be dancing in the streets."

Fallon went on to rubbish Australia's Zarko Odzakov inferring he couldn't play if the player didn't have hands.

Fallon followed up with criticising the referee, this time inferring he lacked courage in control.

The obviously infuriated coach added:

"Australia has to show a lot more to us in Sydney."

"New Zealand deserved to win and Australia doesn't have a player of Wynton Rufer's calibre."

"I feel both sides are still in the World Cup race but it all depends on Israel now."

Best performers for Australia were Mitchell getting through a ton of work under impossible conditions, Odzakov with plenty of commitment and of course the ever-reliable Ratcliffe.

For New Zealand, both strikers Rufer and Walker blended superbly with constant switch-play, left midfielder Declan Edge supplying scorching pace on the flank, and centre-back Evans with quality clearances. Left-back Kenny Creswell impressed with solidarity in defence as well as intelligent distribution work.

NEW ZEALAND: Van Hattum: S. Rufer, Evans, Dunford, Boath, Cresswell: Turner, Sumner, Edge (Henry 89): W. Rufer, Walker.

AUSTRALIA: Greedy: Odzakov, O'Connor (Dunn 60), Ratcliffe, Yankos, Jennings: Watson, Murphy, Crino: Kosmina, Mitchell.

REFEREE: Mr Keith Hackett (England).

CROWD: 14, 826.

WYNTON RUFER, shows useful control during a rare Kiwi attack.

CANADA WORLD CUP FINALISTS

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE qualification of Canada for next year's World Cup Final has come more as a shock than a surprise to most soccer fans.

Indeed the general opinion in most cases was that if any team was going to be first to qualify for a World Cup final series from North America it would have been the USA.

But this was not to be and when the Canadians got their ticket to Mexico two weeks ago when they downed Honduras at the tiny King George V Stadium before a capacity crowd of 7,500 at St John, Newfoundland, it sent soccer experts throughout the world scurrying for their reference books to find out just what Canadian soccer is all about.

However looking closely into the setup one finds that Canada only missed out qualifying for the 1982 World Cup Final series in Spain by one goal.

This was the one that the Canadians couldn't score to beat Cuba in their final qualification game in the CONCACAF section.

On the Olympic Games front Canada qualified for the LA

Olympics and failed narrowly to make the semi-finals after being beaten in a penalty shootout after extra time by Brazil in the quarter-finals.

There was also a great deal of controversy in this game and Canada scored what looked like a legitimate goal only to have it disallowed.

Of course Canada won a gold medal at the 1904 Olympics in St Louis in the USA.

At youth level, Canada also qualified for the World Youth Championships in Russia where they played a draw with our own Young Socceroos.

So all in all Canada have really hit a purple patch over the last couple of years.

The man who really has had most to do with their rise to stardom is their national coach and former England and Blackpool goalkeeper Tony Waiters.

Waiters has worked hard for the success he now deserves.



BRUCE WILSON

His assistant is another Englishman Bob 'Yogi' Bearpark who was in charge of their youth team in Russia.

Yogi is also a hard working coach who believes there is no shortcut to the top in football.

The Canadian team captain is Vancouver veteran Bruce Wilson who at the tender age of 34 has had world stardom thrust upon him.

Wilson is his nation's most experienced player and kicked around for many years at clubs like Toronto Blizzards, Vancouver Whitecaps, Chicago Sting and the New York Cosmos during the halcyon days of the NASL.

He was also offered a contract by English first division club Everton but he turned it down to stay in North America.

He also played in the NASL All-star team along with Franz Beckenbauer, Pele, George Best and Gordon Banks.

Quite a record, and indeed the finals next year in Mexico will be the perfect stage for this

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QUEENSLAND VIEW

BY GREG RUSSELL

OLYMPIC TO NAB IMPORTS

QUEENSLAND premier league survivors Olympic United will import two Greek players next year to ensure they maintain their place in the state's top division.

Club president Mr Con Iconomidis said the club would import a player from Cyprus and another from mainland Greece as part of a large-scale team rebuilding.

Olympic are rumored to have \$10,000 available to spend on players but Iconomidis said it was likely "considerably more than that" would be outlayed.

Olympic had great success with an import this year, John Englezos from second division club Rhodes, who during his six week stay in Brisbane attracted the biggest crowds of the year.

After the trailing the competition for much of the season, Olympic saved themselves by gaining a point in a scoreless draw with Ipswich in the final fixture to finish a point clear of relegated Acacia Ridge.

"We are going to get more professional. We were lucky to escape relegation this time and next year we will be ensuring we do not suffer the same problems," Iconomidis said.

HUNTER WANTS OUT

AUSTRALIAN Under 21 Player of the Year, Alan Hunter, will ask his national league club Brisbane Lions to place him on the transfer list.

Hunter said four Melbourne clubs had approached him after he won the Australian Soccer Press Association Award last week.

"I think the sooner I go on the list the better. I would be very surprised if I stay in Brisbane next season," Hunter said.

It is understood the clubs interested in Hunter include NSL Cup winners Preston, top five sides Heidelberg and Melbourne Croatia and

Sunshine George Cross.

Hunter was transferred last year's fee and following his award last week, and his third-placing in the overall player of the year tally, a similar fee would be expected.

"I told the clubs that approached me about last year's fee and no-one seemed shocked, but I think it would have to come down a bit before they seriously started negotiating," he said.



Classy Brisbane defender Alan Hunter shunts John Kosmina during this years, NSW-Queensland interstate clash.

THE ETHNIC CUP

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The Israeli national soccer team and club teams use the centre regularly and a recent visit

was paid by the Qatar National team.

The Young Soccer-ers' visit to the centre was the first by an Australian sporting team and it was one that was welcomed.

The staff at the centre could not have been more friendly and went out their way to help on

every occasion.

Indeed I have no hesitation in stating that it was the best setup yet used by an Australian touring soccer team abroad.

Sittard is today what the Valentine Complex at Parklea can be tomorrow.

KEVIN COLEMAN SCARE

FORMER Sydney Croatia player Kevin Coleman has dropped a bombshell in Queensland by declaring himself unavailable for Ipswich United in the Premier League Grand Final.

And he has suggested he will not play next season.

Coleman has cited work reasons for his announcement, which will cause a reshuffle in the Ipswich defence.

"I am definitely out for the Grand Final on October 6 and at this stage I would say I am extremely doubtful for other finals games because of work commitments," Coleman said.

Although Ipswich are yet to qualify for the final, they play Lions in the major semi-final this weekend, the team is almost certain to feature in Queensland soccer's big day.

Coleman's place in the Ipswich side almost certainly will be taken by former Lions NSL player Mark Atmore, who joined the premier league club midway through the season.

Under the guidance of

former Lions National League coach Matt Carson galloped away with the premier league premiership.

The premier league side, which in the past has been suggested as a possible future national league team, finished the competition three points clear of Lions. Ipswich also won the club championships, taken over the three premier grades.

Such was the club's depth, none of their three premier teams, first, reserves or colts, conceded a goal in the final three rounds of fixtures.

"It augurs well for the future and the secret is to develop the talent and not rest on our laurels," Carson said.

Ipswich finished their league program with a scoreless draw over Olympic. It was an un-

impressive result but the premiers are still favourites to advance straight to the grand final this weekend.

The draw was enough to guarantee Olympic its premier league survival.

The Greek backed club battled all season with Acacia ridge to avoid the drop to intermediate league.

The Ridge needed a win at Taringa, and for Olympic to lose to Ipswich for them to stay in the to league.

The Ridge eventually only managed a 2-2 draw with Taringa and were relegated, amid tearful and emotional scenes in the dressing room after the last game.

The top four finished as expected with North Star and Mount Gravatt, last in intermediate league, Wynnum long ago secured their place back into the top com-



KEVIN COLEMAN

pany after one season in the lower league. The relegated clubs from intermediate league are Kingsridge and Redlands.

But one or both of the relegated clubs may get a second chance if the two leading amateur clubs do not seek promotion or are not judged by the management committee to be ready yet for the step up into the semi-professional ranks.

ETHNIC CUP KICKS OFF THIS SATURDAY

THE ETHNIC CUP Competition kicks off this Saturday at the St George Stadium in Bestic Street, Rockdale with no less than 16 "Nations" participating for the Ethnic Cup plus a cash prize of \$5,000 for the ultimate winner.

The Ethnic Cup tournament has been structured by Louis Solis Productions Ltd as the 16 "nations" compete for prize monies totally \$9,500.

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The best cheer squad group at the Ethnic Cup will also be rewarded by a cash prize of \$500.

The 16 squads will be split into four Groups of four "nations" and a round robin will be the format of the Cup Competition starting September 28 and culminating to the Grand Final on Sunday, December 1.

The competing "Nations" in their respective Groups, are:

GROUP 1.
Argentina, Brazil, Malta, Yugoslavia.

GROUP 2.
Chile, Arabia, Cyprus, Italy.

GROUP 3.
Peru, Portugal, Uruguay, Lebanon.

GROUP 4.
Australia, Ireland, Greece, Scotland.

The Opening Ceremony will be at 3pm next Saturday at the St George Stadium, followed by the opening matches Cyprus vs Italy then Australia vs Scotland.

From the following week-end, ie Saturday October 5th and Sunday October 6th, and for the next nine week-ends four matches will be played each day commencing at 1.45pm, 3.45pm, 5.45pm and 7.45pm.

The referees will be from a panel registered with the NSW Soccer Federation.

The first and second place-getters will qualify for the semi-finals.



Chumpitaz of Peru is a likely starter in The Ethnic Cup.

THE ETHNIC CUP COMPETITION WHO WILL BE THE CHAMPIONS?

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STAR SOCCER CAMPS GO INTERNATIONAL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

STAR SOCCER CAMPS have embarked on an international tour with two teams aged Under 14 and Under 16 to leave for Hawaii and Los Angeles in December.

The teams will compete for the Kings Tavern Trophy and will participate against other squads from England, Europe, North and South America, including the USA.

The Star Soccer Camp teams will be away for a period of 14 days on a trip that will bring an experience of a lifetime.

As well as the tournament, sightseeing arrangements have been included in the package which has been put together by Gullivers Sport Travel in Sydney.

Mr Paul Bayutti, who is the tour leader as well as a Director of Star Soccer Camps, told A.S.W.:

"It is an extension of the Soccer Camps concept in providing the boys with a football, cultural and educational experience."

"We are all looking forward to the trip and the boys are extremely excited."

Training sessions will commence in November and from the response it is envisaged that Star Soccer Camps will end up with two very strong squads.

Upon return to Sydney, the Star Camps

January camp will swing into full action at Coogee Oval, commencing January 20 to January 24-the last week of the school Christmas holidays.

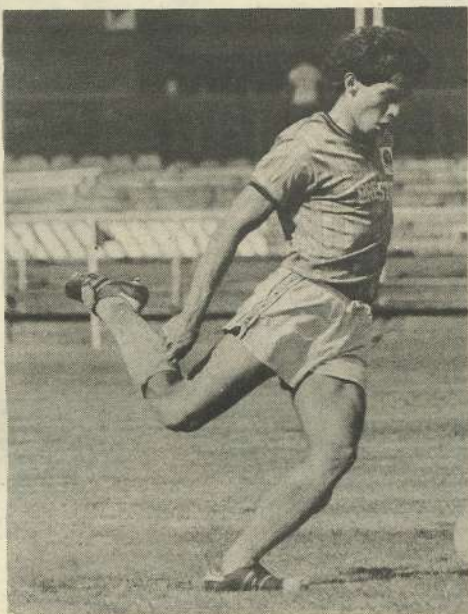
The Star Soccer Camps have grown very strongly over the last six years and are now bigger and better as evident from the continuing good response.

Camp staff-coaches

include Coaching Director and Sydney City's NSL Coach of the Year, Eddie Thomson, plus Peter Stone from St George and World Cup winger Frank Farina.

The Star Soccer Camps will be conducted from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

Application Forms for enrollments are available by contacting Mr Paul Bayutti on telephone 661-4799.



FRANK FARINA

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veteran midfielder to take his final bow before concentrating on a coaching career.

Like our own scene here in Australia the Canadians have problems with numerous factional groups within their setup.

Indeed at times national team selection is hindered by this especially because a number of their players play in the Major Indoor Soccer League.

Also like Australia there are many sons of migrants involved in the game and names such as Pasquale de Luca, Bob Lenarduzzi, George Pakos grace their team sheet.

And there are the overseas players who have taken out Canadian citizenship such as goalkeepers Sven Habermann from West Germany, Tino Lettieri from Italy, strikers Branko Segota from Yugoslavia and Igor Vrablic from Czechoslovakia plus Scotsmen Gerry Gray and David Norman and Englishmen Shaun Lowther and Trevor McCallum to name a few.

However Canada's real strength lies in its development of good home bred players and the production line in this respect is churning them out at a startling pace.

So taking everything into consideration Canadian soccer is riding on the crest of a wave and every good luck to them in Mexico '86 - let's hope our own Socceroos are there with them to make it a real 'Commonwealth Do'.



CANADA's all conquering World Cup squad. From left to right (Back row): Vrablic, Samuel, Dolan, Ragan, Bridge, Wilson. (Front row): Lenarduzzi, James, Pakos, Mitchell, Norman.

In qualifying for the Finals in earthquake stricken Mexico, the Canadians disposed of 1982 qualifiers, Honduras.

SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP

THE second SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP organised by The New Chilean Club will kick off next Saturday 28th of September at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

The opening ceremony is schedule to begin at 1pm with a folkloric display by all the 16 participating communities. Then at 4pm Uruguay will play Bolivia and at 6p last year's Champion, Chile will meet Ireland.

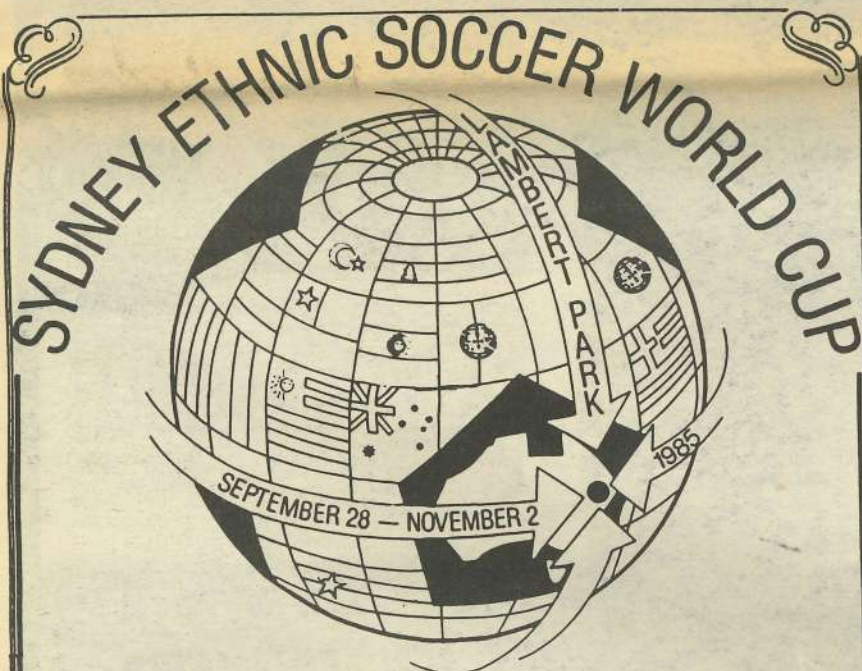
Three games will be played on Sunday the 29th of September at

2pm Argentina vs Italy, at 4pm Colombia vs Yugoslavia and finally at 6pm Greece will play Australia.

The first round will be completed on Saturday the 5th of October with the following games: at 2pm Turkey vs Lebanon, at 4pm Germany vs Ecuador and at 6pm Portugal will play Timor.

The second round will be played on Sunday the 6th and Monday the 7th of October. The rest of the competition will be disputed every Saturday and Sunday with the finals expected to take place on Saturday the 2nd of November.

All games will be played at Lambert Park, Marion St cnr of Foster St., Leichhardt.



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STAR PROFILE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BIRTH AND BIRTH-PLACE: 13.6.62, Glasgow, Scotland
HEIGHT: 6'1"
MARRIED: Single.
OCCUPATION: Full-time footballer.
PLAYING POSITION: Striker.
CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Adelaide City, Seiko Club in Hong Kong, Sydney City, Glasgow Rangers, now back with Sydney City.
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Steve Blair, Mike Petersen, Paul Kay, Mark Hughes, Paul McStay, Glen Hoddle, Graeme Souness.
FAVOURITE CLUBS: Sydney City, Liverpool.
CAR: No car.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER: "Getting knocked out in the World Youth Championship by Germany here in Australia in 1981. Also being dropped for the Scottish Cup Final by Rangers last year."
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: "My Father and family, Eddie Thomson and Les Scheinflug.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: Tennis, snooker and squash.
FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Kirk Douglas and Clint Eastwood.
LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To be as successful as possible as a footballer and enjoy life.
SUPERSTITIONS: "I always like the No 13 as I feel it is my lucky number."
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Eurythmics, Barry White, Rolls Royce.
MAJOR INJURIES: Groin problems.
BEST TEAM IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL SERIES: Australia.
BEST PLAYER FOR AUSTRALIA IN SERIES: Jimmy Patikas and Jeff Olver.
NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP: Basically Israel and New Zealand. They won't give much away. It is going to be a tight competition with quick shut-downs. Israel will be more skilful but we are physically much stronger.

**DAVID
MITCHELL**



MELITA BRUSH CANTERBURY ASIDE

BY FRANK COLETTA

THE mood in the Melita Eagles dressing room after their 4-1 demolition of minor premiers Canterbury-Marrickville was one of expectation as they prepared for the meeting with Fairy Meadow in the Grand Final.

The Melita side showed the form yesterday that had deserted them for the majority of the second round as they set about tearing strips off the Canterbury machine.

Only two minutes into the match Melita opened the score, with a goal by the irrepressible Barry Walker.

Ray Farrugia took a corner from the left and Walker with a deft flick of the head sent the ball flying into the far corner of the net.

Canterbury attempted to attack the Eagles at 100 mph but this only served as a detriment to their play, as lack of control, something unusual for Canterbury, let them down.

Melita set Canterbury even further back on their heels when in the 14th minute Lenny Vial and Barry Walker played a one-two between them that opened up the Olympic defence.

Walker whipped in a beautiful cross that caught Canterbury's keeper Chris Hummel out and Kenny Wilson the Melita captain scored with a stooped header.

In the 20th minute Nelio Borges received a

through ball from George Kalogeras, he raced into the area and hit the post with a rasping drive. Only desperate defence from Greg McCoy prevented one of the following up Olympic players from scoring.

Walker nearly grabbed his second in the 28th minute when he 'stole' in behind the defence only to drive his shot into the side netting. 2-0 at half-time and all looked rosy for Melita.

It looked even better when in the 63rd minute Don Allan raced down the touchline beat Eddie Pena, crossed to find Barry Walker meeting the ball with a perfect volley to make the score 3-0.

Canterbury grabbed a consolation goal three minutes later, albeit through a penalty.

Nelio Borges ran onto a pass just outside the area, he dribbled through three tackles, shot wide and was then upended by goalkeeper, Dragan Pupovac, referee Rampley did not hesitate in awarding the penalty. Spiro Hantzis duly converted the spot-kick.

Melita did not rest on their laurels however. In

the 69th minute left-back Jay O'Rourke took a throw-in that released Billy Griffiths down the flank. Griffiths beat his man and cut the ball into the path of midfielder Lenny Vial who drilled his shot past Chris Hummel from 20 metres.

MAN OF THE MATCH: BARRY WALKER, for his never ending commitment and his two valuable goals, taken as a true striker.

MELITA: Pupovac, Laing, O'Rourke, Wilson, McCoy, Davies, Farrugia, Vial, Walker, Allan (Hensman 81), Griffiths.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Karaspyros, Hantzis, Radman, Pena, Ortega, Kirwan, Anagnostopoulos, Silva (Sever 75), Borges, Kalogeras.

CROWD: 1389

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

2ND GRADE: MANLY defeated SUTHERLAND 4-3 on penalties after being 0-0 after extra-time.

3RD GRADE: SUTHERLAND defeated URUGUAY AUBURN 5-4 on penalties after being 0-0 after extra-time.



FAIRY MEADOW coach John Fleming will persevere with converted fullback Reg Chilby at fullback for Sydney's Skypak State League grand final against Melita at Marconi Oval.

Fleming switched Chilby from the defence for the last premiership game of the season to add a touch more aggression to his attack.

The result was two goals in the team's 7-2 thrashing of Bankstown then it was Chilby who scored the goal which gave Fairy Meadow a 1-0 victory over Canterbury in the semi-final.

It was a big comeback by Chilby as he was dropped from the first grade side the week before they played Bankstown.

Micky White regained the right fullback spot after Chilby appeared to lose the form he showed the most of the season. "Chilby showed a lot of enthusiasm when he went back to the reserves and that impressed me and had something to do with me giving him another chance up front," Fleming said.

"Other players would have gone through the motions after being dropped but Chilby went out as if he had something to prove."

Goalkeeper Warwick Young and left fullback Jock Morlando are two players who look destined to play national league next season.

Back after a spell with St George's youth squad, Young has been brilliant at times playing in front of the safest back four in the league.

A more mature and certainly stronger Morlando has probably been the pick of the team, always ready to push forward and take people on.

Straight out of the Illawarra district competition, centre-half Larry Berringer surprised even coach Fleming with his ability.

He combined with Paul Jones in the middle of the defence so well one could have been excused for thinking they had been together for years.

Fleming's big decision for Sunday will be whether to bring back diminutive midfielder Richard Peil who missed the semi-final with an ankle injury.

His place was taken by Maurizio Montecchi, who turned in a brave performance despite a large blister on a big toe.

Montecchi kept playing despite the pain and emerged one of the Coast team's best players.

The likely line-up is: Warwick Young, Micky White, Larry Berringer, Paul Jones, Jock Morlando, Mick Richardson, Maurizio Montecchi or Richard Peil, Phil Mowbray, Robert Giraldi, Reg Chilby and Glenn Fontana.



BARRY WALKER

SYDNEY CROATIA'S SUPER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME ANNOUNCES TRIAL DATES

The much awaited details of Sydney Croatia's Youth Trials have just been released, due to the hundreds of calls the club has received seeking information.

Stage I of the Youth League Trials will be held at the Croatian Sports Centre at 455, Edensor Rd EDENSOR PARK, conducted over two weekends.

The U/13 age group will trial on Saturday 12th & 19th of October between 1pm and 4pm.

The U/14 age group will trial on Sundays 13th & 29th of October between 9am and 12noon.

The U/15 age group will trial on Saturday 12th & 19th of October between 9am and 12 noon.

The U/16 age group will trial on Sundays 13th & 20th of October between 1pm and 4pm.

Trials for the Scheme's Nursery teams the U/11's and U/12's will be held on Tuesday 22nd, 29th and Thursday 24th, 31st of October commencing at 6pm at the Elliott St Reserve, Elliott St BELFIELD.

All Youth and Nursery teams will use Elliot St Reserve as their training headquarters and this area will be developed to a very high training standard. The Youth League squad will use the Croatian Sports Centre for all home matches.

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Under 13s — 1pm — 4pm

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U/11 and U/12 trials will be held at Elliott St., Reserve, Elliott St., Belfield, on Tuesday 22nd, 29th and Thursdays 24th, 31st October. Commencing 6pm.

All team selections will be conducted by VEDRAN ROZIC and a panel of highly qualified coaches.

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N.S.W. ROTHMANS MEDAL TO HENRY



BY JOHN ECONOMOS

HENRY SOBCZYK, Polonia's veteran midfielder, was declared the 16th NSW Rothmans Gold Medal Winner, polling a massive 34 points awarded during the season by referees officiating at NSW State League matches.

At the lavish function staged by Rothmans in the Grand Ballroom of Sydney's Hilton Hotel, Sobczyk's win proved most popular.

In the last section of scoring, Henry had streaked away with 34 points from nearest challengers... Terry... Bertram from Ku-ring-Gai who scored 25 points, closely followed by Canterbury Marrickville Olympic's Brazilian midfielder, Nelio Borges with 22.

Sobczyk, migrated to Australia in 1981 from Poland, with his wife and two children, Agnes 12 and Jack 6.

He was highly recommended to come to Australia by the then president of Polonia.

Henry played for 10 years with Polish First Division side, SLASK WROCLAW.

Originally a striker, Henry dropped back into the midfield.

But when he came to Australia he found that

he could still cope up-front for the first four years.

This year the 37 year old Sobczyk once again dropped back into the midfield from where he could create goals for his men in the strike-line with his excellent and intelligent distribution.



Henry Sobczyk, 1985 NSW Rothmans Medal winner.

HENRY WILL CONTINUE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DESPITE his age of 37 years, Polonia's brilliant midfielder, Henry Sobczyk, wants to continue playing for Polonia next year.

The bespectled Henry, has lost none of his enthusiasm for the game but did offer some advice when we interviewed him.

We asked the 1985 Medal Winner what he found was lacking most in Soccer on his arrival from Poland in 1981, unhesitatingly quipped:

"I think the code out

here suffers from poor tactics set by local coaches.

"The tactics are mostly all wrong as they are based on not losing a match rather than winning a game."

Henry who is employed as a food processor, went on to advise:

"Our local coaches here should make the

effort, (and the clubs should see to this), that they go across to Europe to update their current knowledge of the game.

"The game is changing all the time and we here must keep pace with all changes going on overseas."

And what is Henry's ambition)

"To become a coach of course."



ABOVE: Sobczyk is congratulated by from left. John Constantine (NSW Federation President), Michael Cleary (NSW Minister of Sport and Recreation), Sobczyk himself and Bob Page (NSW State Manager of Rothmans).

BELOW: The Melita table on the night containing such notables as captain Kenny Wilson, Colin McAusland and Greg McCoy.



ROTHMANS MEDAL NSW POINTS

H. SOBCZYK	34	W. MURRAY	12	B. GRAY	8	L. DOUNIS	6
T. BERTRAM	25	B. THURLOW	11	T. STEVENS	8	G. JEFFREY	6
N. BORGES	22	A. TRACEY	11	G. VUJINOVIC	8	A. LACEY	6
I. BARKER	19	K. WILSON	11	J. WEBBER	8	S. LEAK	6
R. PEIL	19	G. HATTEN	10	A. DEAN	7	R. MacPHERSON	6
M. RICHARDSON	19	R. CARNEY	9	G. FONTANA	7	S. MEADES	6
B. PILOVSKI	17	V. DALFORNO	9	S. HANZIS	7	A. POP	6
C. HUMMEL	16	J. FERNANDEZ	9	S. JANIC	7	S. PLANINIC	6
J. LEMBRYK	15	M. HARRINGTON	9	G. McCOY	7	M. SILVA	6
R. BROWN	14	P. JONES	9	R. MULLER	7	A. WILLIAMSON	6
P. DEAN	14	P. MOWBRAY	9	T. NACINOVIC	7	I. BURROWS	5
J. DICK	14	D. SMITH	9	C. ORTEGA	7	P. BEGGS	5
J. MEERBANI	14	S. ANDERSON	8	D. ALLAN	6	Q. CHAU	5
						R. FARRUGIA	5

H. SOBCZYK	34
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N. BORGES	22
I. BARKER	19
R. PEIL	19
M. RICHARDSON	19
B. PILOVSKI	17
C. HUMMEL	16
J. LEMBRYK	15
R. BROWN	14

The final points score tells the story



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AUSTRALIA AND SCOTLAND IN COMPLETE DISAGREEAL

WHILE Australian clubs would pay to have supporters follow them to away games, the opposite is now

the case in Scotland.

Glasgow giants, Rangers and Celtic are pleading with their fans not to follow them into Europe.

The "Old Firm" are afraid they will suffer the same fate as English clubs and be banned from European competition if there is any trouble from their fans.

As it is, Celtic had to replay against Rapid last season after beating the Australians, because a fan was accused of throwing a bottle.

But, according to reports from Scotland, the "faithful" have no intention of staying away.

Despite appeals, warnings and ticket bans, the indications are that the tartan hordes will still pour over the Channel.

A sign of the supporters attitude was reported in Scotland's Sunday Post.

A busload from McNee's Bar, Govanhill, took off for Celtic's game against Atletico in



Glasgow's Davie Cooper — he attracts crowds everywhere.

Madrid.

Another 100 Celts made their own way to Madrid, and it is now obvious that Rangers will be followed by at least 300 fanatics next month when they take off for Spain.

Three official supporters buses are set to go, another is expected to make the trip from Kilmarnock and individuals will travel by car, sea and air.

Rangers were so worried that they summoned fan club conveners to Ibrox Stadium.

With fan clubs all over Scotland they have to deal with hundreds of officials.

One club relented, and cancelled their bus, but the others said they would still make the trip.

"Clubs are being held responsible by UEFA for the behaviour of fans en route to, and outside grounds, as well as inside," Rangers' secretary, Campbell Ogilvie, was quoted as saying.

"We're grateful to supporters who have travelled to watch us in

the past without causing trouble.

"But the risks this time are too great. We plead with them not to travel."

The convenor of a Rangers bus from Glasgow says his club will go to Spain no matter what.

"Our discussions with Rangers have been friendly, but there's a big gap between our positions," he said.

By not arranging tickets for us they have forced us to buy them on the black market in Spain.

"Our members have travelled everywhere in Europe without causing trouble.

"We honestly can't see what the panic's about this time."

Celtic has bad memories of that last replay which took place in Manchester.

Apart from losing, two fans in Celtic colors were accused of attacking two Austrian players.

Celtic now has to play its second leg match against Atletico on October 2 behind closed doors as punishment.

The convenor of the McNee's Celtic supporter's bus claims coach companies and travel agents informed them Celtic had told them not to handle inquiries.

"But we're going anyway," he said.

"The fact we can't see the second leg has only made us more determined to cheer the Boys in Spain.

"We're different from the hooligans down south. We can behave."

Celtic director Jack McGinn said: "Anyone with the true interest of this club at heart will not go to Madrid."

"Everyone is only too aware it took just a few stupid fans to put us in our present predicament."

By the time you read this Celtic will have been to Spain and the fans, or the club, will have been proved correct.

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL MURPHY

THE MEARES brothers paved the way for Unanderra to beat Coniston 3-0 in the Illawarra first division grand final — Andy grabbing two of the goals and Paul being named man of the match.

Coached by former leading Illawarra player Alex Fleming, Unanderra had previously taken out the league championship.

Andy Meares gave the "Hearts" a flying start when he scored with a 25m drive after just three minutes.

After holding out a slick-looking Coniston until half-time Unanderra took a strong grip on the grand final.

Paul Bailey scored number two before Meares struck again to make sure the grand final trophy went to Unanderra.

Paul Meares took the man of the match award with a powerful display in the centre of the Unanderra defence.

Unanderra are now desperately trying to obtain a home ground suitable for premier league so they can gain promotion next season.

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Balgownie's under 19 team went their last seven games of the season, including the grand final, without conceding a goal.

Coached by Phil Boreland, Balgownie were unbeaten all year and their defence allowed just five goals.

They followed their championship success with a 1-0 win over Russell Vale in the grand final, Greg Goodwin getting the goal.

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Wollongong Macedonia finally clinched promotion to State League but one player who would dearly loved to have been part of the on-field success is goalkeeper Peter Terziovski.

Terziovski has been with the club since the days when they played second division in Illawarra and was a key player when they went to Sydney in 1979.

It has been a year Terziovski would like to forget as he has been sidelined with a serious knee injury.

Doctors have done a reconstruction job on the knee and the popular "keeper is confident of being back in action at the start of the next season.

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Corrimal are through spending money on their ground — for the time being.

The club have been ploughing plenty in to the development of Memorial Park and secretary Peter Dent feels they have neglected the onfield problem.

"We have finished second-last after dodging relegation last year and the committee feels it is time we remedies the situation," Dent said.

Corrimal, a club with proud tradition, are already planning for next season.

They could come up with a new coach and at least three new faces in their first grade squad.

George Postgate, the reserve grade coach, has been looking after first grade since David Mollison parted company with Corrimal towards the end of the season.

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JUNIOR SCENE



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Monaro Striving for Success

FROM its humble beginnings, Monaro Junior Soccer Club has gone from strength to strength.

In 1973 the club was formed and entered three teams in the ACT competition. This season, 1985, the club will enter five teams in the Mini-Soccer, and one team at least in every age group up to Under 16. The Club is run by a five-man Executive. The following are its Office-Bearers: President, Harry Panjer; Vice-President, Niveo Menis; Secretary, Robert Fisher; Treasurer, Lina Lavella; Registrar, Dean Fisher.

Last season the Club enjoyed success with the Under 7's winning the Bungadore U7 Carnival; Under 8's winning the Monaro U8 Carnival;

the U9's winning the Monaro U9 Carnival; a combined team of U10 and U11 winning the Bungadore and Captain's Flat U11 Carnivals; the Under 14's finished Runner-up in their Section; and the Under 15's winning the A Division Premiership and also the Commonwealth Bank Shield.

With the forming of the Queanbeyan Women's Soccer Club last year it means that we can offer Soccer to boys and girls from Under 7 to all-age.

Not to be outdone by the boys, the Queanbeyan Women's team won the Reserve Team Shield.

THE SPIRIT OF MINTO

MINTO Under 12s girls side were undefeated minor premiers and premiers.

In the grand final the match winning goals were scored by Kylie Small.

As well the side won the highest average

shield as well as being club champions.

Also adding to their success the girls were runners-up in the President's Cup.



Pictured from left to right the Minto Under 12 side being Jody Phelan, Greg Earnshaw (coach), Donna Earnshaw, Janine Evans, Bree Irlam, Gary Bennett (manager), Rhonda Boxsell, Kylie Small, Rebecca Phelan, Cathy Carney, Julie Ross, Tracee Bennett, Susan Britton.

GREENACRE'S AMATEUR CUP

GREENACRE and Sylvania Heights are to be congratulated on the way they played the final of the Amateur Cup recently at Seymour Shaw Park.

From all reports the Amateur Cup final was one of the best seen in many years.

The game contained numerous highlights and thrilling goalmouth incidents, with five goals being scored, one in the very first minute scored by Robert Fraser and superb defence from both sides.

After the early setback, Sylvania Heights settled down and scored

two goals through Gary Knowles and Dick Davies, to force a draw after ninety minutes.

A crowd in excess of 2000 were on hand to witness a thrilling finish and a further 20 minutes of extra time.

The first ten period saw both sides create many chances but failing to convert, and with only four minutes remaining of the extra-time period it appeared a certainty that

penalties would be needed to separate the two sides.

Then just outside the penalty area Greenacre were awarded a free kick.

Sylvania organised their wall, but Greenacre captain Peter Mullen sent a perfect driving shot, which hit the woodwork and went in, giving the 'keeper no chance and Greenacre their way first Amateur Cup.

MAGPIES ACTIVE

THE Granville District representative teams are continuing on their reformation process.

After missing out on many players of quality in the Youth League ranks this year, the Magpies began to rebuild.

Official Brian Grant says that there has been an overwhelming response to the present trials, which are designed to supply more players for 1986.

Local clubs were approached to assist and over 100 boys turned out to trial for next season's U13 and U14 squads.

Like the Boy Scouts, Granville is determined to "Be Prepared".



ANTHONY GIANNASCA

NSWASF HANDBOOK GUIDE FOR COACHES

OUR series continues this week with ASW taking a look at the role of the junior coach and how he should really work.

Organization

Wherever possible, organization of practice must be aimed at realism. to achieve this the following questions must be answered:—

- How many players are to be used in the practice?
- What size area is to be used?
- 1.2.1. If in grids — how many?
- 1.2.2. If in an area of the field — what area?
- What sort of service is required? e.g. thrown/kicked on the full/one bounce?
- How are players distinguished from each other? Are there coloured bibs available.
- How does the practice start?

How does it finish?

Are there realistic targets?

- What position does the coach take up?
- How does the practice develop?

Are more players introduced or less?

Is the playing area restricted or made larger?

- Do players understand objectives of the practice?

Do they finish with a shot at goal?

Do they retain possession?

Do they find a target person?

Observation

Coaches should stand back and observe the practice. They should not spend all their time getting involved and continually stopping it. Consequently they should:

- Allow the practice to run so that realism is achieved.
- Be single-minded.
- Seek out key factors in failure of players within the practice.
- Coach the players, not soccer.
- Correct errors that are seen rather than the work which has been prepared.



Demonstration

All players need pictures of what is required rather than a whole narrative of explanation. This is particularly valid when it comes to the coaching of a technique.

When it comes to a matter of understanding, players should be shown positions they may take up and suggested passes for them to make.

Once this has been established they should be given the opportunity to practise what they have been shown.

The sequence should be as follows:—

- Stop the practice.
- Replay the technique or part of play concerned.
- Demonstrate what is required quickly and simply.
- Ask the player/players to copy.
- Replay and replay the incident until satisfied.

Motivation

Coaches are required to motivate their players to practise. Suggested ways of doing this would be:—

- Infect the players with their own enthusiasm.
- Be positive in direction of each session and of the players.
- Set high standards and challenge players to better performance.
- Use the voice to draw attention and to convey to players satisfaction or dissatisfaction with their performance.
- Always look like a coach. Be suitably dressed, as if you have real commitment to the game and the players.
- Well-prepared sessions will motivate the players to work. They like to be organized in a purposeful way. A slapdash approach or lack of preparation indicates to players the coach's poor discipline and commitment.

In summary

Coach's ability is measured by improved PLAYER and TEAM performance, not whether you win or lose.

Success can be measured in different ways.

Players will improve when correct coaching procedures are followed.

This means time spent in preparing, organizing, and analysing.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The split-up is a first prize of \$500, second \$250, third and fourth \$100 each and a consolation prize of \$50.

The prizes go to the five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and soccer organisations who make the best contributions to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the publishing period this year to September 30.

Contribution can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white although colour snaps are usually satisfactory as well.

The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

HOW NEPEAN GREW

AT a public meeting on November 9, 1961, the NDSFA was formed.

The meeting was chaired by the late Alderman W. L. Chapman, MP, Mayor of Penrith.

Mr Arthur Robinson was elected president, and Mr Pat Henry secretary.

1962 was the first playing season and affiliated clubs were Rooty Hill Rovers, Lapstone, Cambridge Park-Kingswood, Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Ranate, St Marys Band Club, Blacktown Hawkesbury SC, St Marys High School, Penrith SC, St Dominics College and St Marys Convent. There were 38 teams, comprising 531 players.

The association grew steadily, and in 1965 Spartan SC, St Marys SC, Mitchell United, Glenbrook Baptist, Penrith RSL, Mt Druitt, Blacktown Spurs, Riverstone, Protestant Church and Blue Mountains SC joined the association.

Lapstone SC changed its name to Blaxland SC and St Marys High School did not affiliate.

Following will show additional clubs over the years, with some clubs amalgamating, and the overall strength growing:

1966 Rainbows, Werriington Park, White Eagles, International Blacktown, Llandilo-Shane Park.

1967 Blacktown Rangers, HM Training Centre, RAAF.

1968 North Katoomba, Quakers Hill.

1969 HMAS Nimba.

1970 Lethbridge Park, Emu Plains.

1971 Richmond Ex-Service, 23rd Con Squadron Army, Colo, St Josephs, Blacktown Workers, Emerton Rovers, Prospect, Hawks, Dharruk Training Centre and Wentworth Falls.

1972 Saints United (ex-St Dominics College), Nepean Police Boys Club.

1973 Schofields, Tartan, Blacktown Police Boys Club, Oakville, North St Marys.

1974 API (later known as Tregear), Bidwill, St Patricks, Blackett, Shell, Namatjira.

1975 Take-Off 76 SC.

1976 Londonderry.

1977 Shalvey, Kemps Creek.

1978 Luddenham.

1979 Henry Lwson, Wilberforce, St Clair, Nashua.

1982 Hazelbrook, Wentworth Falls (newly formed, as they only played one season in 1971).

1984 Warradale, Glossodia, St Marys RSL and St Dominics College (newly formed).

In 1978 Nepean had 517 teams, the NSWASF decided to form a Blacktown association, and 143 teams located in the Blacktown municipal boundary were taken away from the NDSFA.

In 1981 Nepean had climbed back to 507 teams and were again split, with 118 teams given to Blacktown.

I can be seen from from 38 teams in 1962, the NDSFA would have had 650 teams by 1981.

The association acknowledged this was an unwieldy number and agreed to the formation of the Blacktown association.

After the division of the association in 1981, the NDSFA was reduced from 38 clubs and 7240 players to 31 clubs and 5794 players.

The NDSFA continued to expand and in 1983 there were 32 clubs, 387 teams and 5557 players.

In 1983, under a rule of the governing body of amateur soccer in NSW (NSWASF) competition soccer for the under 6 and under 7 age groups ended.

1983 also introduced women's soccer to the district.

The association, which spreads from Wentworth Falls to St Marys and Warragamba to Glossodia, is administered by a management committee, elected annually at the annual general meeting in November.

The association conducts a protests and disputes committee, and an appeals board, both comprising affiliated club members.

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Any player or club in dispute can, after going through these channels, appeal to the government body of the association.

Association patrons are Deputy Premier and Member for St Marys, Mr Ron Mulock; State Police Minister and Member for Penrith, Mr Peter Anderson; State Finance Minister and Member for the Blue Mountains, Mr Bob Debus; Federal Member for Macquarie, Mr Ross Free, and Penrith alderman, Mrs Eileen Cammack.

Life members are Reverend F. J. Bendeich (past — registrar), G. Churchward (past president and secretary), J. Clark (past president), J. V. Oatley (committee member for many years and fund raiser), H. Hoff (past competition secretary), L. Kol (current president) and Mrs B. Horley (current secretary).

CADET REFEREES OFF TO FIJI

AFTER an extensive selection process three cadet referees were finally selected to represent the Gladesville-Hornsby Referees as they continue with their project of introducing cadet refereeing to Fiji. Selection is keenly sought by the cadets in the branch.

The referees selected were Karen MacGregor, Warwick Davidson and John Pickering all 16 years of age who have been refereeing for the past three years with the branch. They will be accompanied on the tour by the branch president Ron Beaumont and vice president Brian Sandercock.

Gladesville-Hornsby referees have responded to the invitation from the Fiji Primary Schools Football Association to assist through tournaments organised by them to introduce cadet referees to people involved in soccer in Fiji. Last year cadets officiated at the Primary Schools National Titles, but unfortunately due to the devastation of Fiji earlier this year with cyclones ripping the islands and economy to pieces, they have not been able to afford a National Title this year.

However they would not let the year go by without a tournament as soccer is extremely popular and there will be a tournament in Nadi, the Northwest Primary Schools, and the cadets will referee it.

With the selection of Karen it highlights the increasing growth of girls as referees and is of course an ideal opportunity to show Fiji another facet of refereeing.

Those travelling must meet a large part of the cost but we must acknowledge assistance which is given by Gladesville-Hornsby Football and Referees Association.

Attack Sportswear have supported these tours since they started with jackets so the party can look uniform, and this is much appreciated.

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TONY RACITI

c/o Australian Soccer Weekly,
P.O. Box 6,
Haberfield, NSW 2045

SYDNEY UNDER 12's

WIN IN STYLE

ANY side that can go through a representative championship without defeat or for that matter not dropping a point and only conceding one goal has something very special about it.

Here is the all conquering side and their results:

ROUND 1

Western NSW 0 Southern NSW 0, Riverina 9 Sydney 1. 2, Sydney 2. 1 Sydney 3. 2.

ROUND 2

Sydney 1. 6 Southern NSW 0, Sydney 3. 6 Western NSW 0, Sydney 2. 12 Riverina 0.

ROUND 3

Riverina 0 Southern NSW 0, Sydney 2. 2 Western NSW 0, Sydney 1. 0 Sydney 3. 1.

ROUND 4

Sydney 2. 2 Southern NSW 0, Sydney 1. 8 Western NSW 0, Sydney 3. 2 Riverina 0.

ROUND 5

Sydney 1. 1 Sydney 2. 2, Western NSW 3 Riverina 3, Southern NSW 0 Sydney 3. 1.



From left to right: M. Panzarino, manager R. Rozman, G. Spiropoulos, N. Lupo, R. Bazina, R. Hanzek, R. Miskovic, T. Mitsios, A. Hackett coach. Front row: J. Panzarino, A. Zizic, G. McLennan, A. Maiuri, M. Zec, M. Paulidis, J. Conti.

BROTHERS WIN FINAL

BROTHERS Under 13 first division side made their club proud recently when they notched a double by winning their respective competition and grand final.

In the club competition they scored 72 goals and had 8 scored against them.

In the mid-week competition Brothers went through undefeated scoring 26 goals. The team also contains eight representative players who played for Townsville East, Townsville West, Townsville and North Queensland.



Pictured from left to right: Brett Barrett, Tony Gilmore, Jeff Turner, Shane Hooper, Patrick Docherty, Darren Nelson, Dean Seakray, Simon Pucko, John Leonardi, Jason Preston, Tim McAuliffe. The team is coached by Scott Williams and managed by Owen Hamilton.

SYDNEY CITY

Youth League Trials

Under 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s

Coral Sea Pk,

Maroubra

Commencing at 6pm

14th, 18th, 21st,

25th, 28th October





1—Turning a Moscow Dynamo player around whilst playing for NSW, 1971.
2—1978 and Newcastle KB United.
3—Charging after a South Korean attacker with Peter Wilson in support during the 1973-74 World Cup campaign.
4—Beating Bernd Cullman of West Germany pointless during the 1974 World Cup Finals. Australia lost 3-0.
5—On the ball during one of his last appearances for Newcastle.



'OZ HEROES OF THE PAST'

COL CURRAN During the height of the euphoria surrounding Australia's qualification for the 1974 World Cup, coach Rale Rasic openly admitted that he regarded his left back as the best footballer in the nation.

Like another Newcastle product, Ray Baartz, Curran had a spell with Manchester United, playing in the club's Youth side in 1964/65, alongside Brian Kidd and Francis Burns.

Curran emerged from the West Wallsend juniors and made his mark with Adamstown as a senior. He represented Northern NSW against AS Roma, Manchester United, Manchester City, Romania B and Sloven Bratislava before he was picked for Australia's 1970 world tour.

After playing so well in the qualifying games, Curran almost missed the 1974 World Cup finals due to an injury sustained in Indonesia on the way to Germany. But with the grit that is so typical of Newcastle-bred players, Curran worked day and night on exercising the injured leg, and was fit to play by the time of the first match in Hamburg.

Curran played against Legia Warsaw in early 1975 but the left back position then became the province of first George Harris and then Harry Williams. However, when Williams was unable to travel overseas for the latter stages of the 1978 World Cup campaign, Curran was recalled.

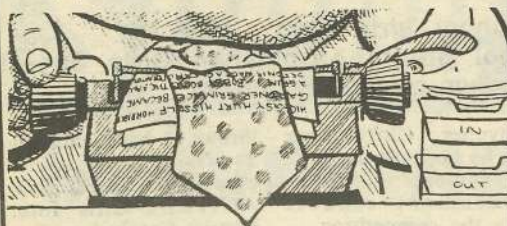
At the end of that disastrous series Curran was persuaded to return from Western Suburbs to Newcastle to play in the Philips League.

Predictably he was one of their best players of 1978.

— FRANK COLETTA.

ON THE WRITE LINE . . .

ON THE WRITE LINE:



If you want to get something off your chest, have a complaint, praise something or someone, express your thoughts on a player or just plain suggest something, drop us a line.

Write to:
On the Write Line,
P.O. Box 406 Broadway, 2007
Sydney, NSW.

NO MORE IMPORTS THANKS MR AROK!

Dear Sir,
WITH the Socceroos World Cup qualifying matches upon us, I was compelled to put pen to paper.

I cannot understand why National Coach Frank Arok persists with imports, Odzakov, Murphy, Ratcliffe and co.

Of the games I have seen this year, there are better Aussie players around in Peter Tredinnick, Peter Raskopoulos, Robbie Dunn and Robert Wheatley, just to name a few.

Surely Frank Arok doesn't believe the imports will perform better in the green and gold than the local players. OR DOES HE?

P. Barnes,
Lismore, NSW

ED - Well he has picked them, so I guess he does believe they will perform better.

I SECOND THE MOTION

Dear Sir,
I would like to make a further comment on John Anderson's letter in ASW a fortnight ago, titled NSL-GET ACT TOGETHER.

I agree with it entirely and would like to point out that Marshall Soper got a two week suspension reduced to one week for his part in the Pratten Park riot.

In that same game he also received a red card which for any other player is an automatic suspension from his next game which was against Penrith City.

He played in that game on the weekend of 21-7-85, therefore Penrith should have been able to claim those two points which would have enabled them to finish fourth from the bottom and avoid relegation.

To my knowledge, Soper still has not served his suspension for that red card. Has the NSL changed the rules for him as well?

Ivan Moore,
St Marys, NSW

P.S. I have heard it said that Soper was allowed to play so as Sydney Olympic would have had a better chance of finishing in the top five and attract better gates to the finals.

ED - I'll take you to task on one of your points. Olympic were near cert's to make the semi's, so that couldn't have been the reason to allow Soper to play and secure Olympic's position in the top five, anyway I doubt anyone would stoop to such lows, surely not?!

I've also got to say, sincerely, that I don't think Penrith would have figured in the NSL's plans, even if they finished fourth from bottom or anywhere else for that matter.

But some of the decisions made this season have been real jokes.

ASW IS TOPS!

Dear Sir,
CONGRATULATIONS ASW, you have in recent times proved who is by far the number one soccer paper in Australia.

The extra pages and ever-so-impressive stories are really making it an enjoyable read.

Last weeks issue (16/9/85) was especially excellent, the front-page story 'THE ENGLISH TV SOCCER SCAM' made intriguing reading and gave us readers a real idea of just what is going on.

I really thought that issue was probably one of the best of the year, it had just about everything . . . well done.

I'd also like to take time out to congratulate Sydney Croatia on this season's efforts and their pursuing of ever-increasing high standards, if they can grab all the players they are after they will become world-beaters.

I'm really enjoying the Kevin Keegan story in pictures immensely and other special things like the Star Profiles and Oz Heroes of the Past.

Also being well involved in junior soccer I must comment that your junior scene is without doubt the most informative of any paper, including any other sports.

Keep up the good work fellows, the standard you have set is going to be hard to keep.

P. Pollard,
Cabramatta West, NSW

ED - Glad to hear our hard work and devotion is being recognised and appreciated.

PRAISING ONE-SELF

Dear Sir,
AS my involvement in soccer has been intense as a coach of a Youth League squad over the past three seasons and also covers representative sides, I read with much amusement adverts and reports in your paper relating to clubs calling themselves Division 1 Youth League and also leading clubs in Division 1.

These persons obviously place this Division 1 status upon themselves thinking that the average reader will believe them.

As all involved in the Youth League will tell you there never has been and at this stage is no such thing as Division 1, 2 or 3 in the current Youth League structure.

All participating clubs and associations were graded on the total number of points each of their four age groups achieved in the 1984 season.

They were then placed in Group A, Group B, and Group C of this years competition.

People must get great joy in placing a Division 1 status upon themselves because nobody else has. Ask the administration of the league.

The other point that has been aired in your

publication in recent times is the utter nonsense of how superior group A teams were this year in their respective competitions. This is rubbish.

These people making these unfounded statements have obviously not seen the final points tables of this years competition and indeed would not have had the time to go out and watch the play-off series at its completion.

For it was at these play-offs that all present witnessed just how little there was between most of the teams competing between themselves.

The U/14 age groups proved this beyond doubt. St George, for three reasons the best side in the league at this age level as far as myself and most are concerned, were bundled out of contention by a Group 2 club, Melita Eagles.

Sydney Olympic, the undefeated winner of Group A were taken into extra-time by Macathur only to win 2-1 after Macathur had conceded an own goal to force extra-time four minutes from the end.

Olympic athen could not shrug off Melita's challenge in the final and were held to a 2-2 draw.

There are many more examples of just how stupid these division statements are but it would be too lengthy to go into detail.

It is plain to the real soccer watcher just how little there is between groups, sure there are very good sides in Group A but there are also good sides in the other two groups.

Maybe people just do not want to accept anything but the top



'Treds', should he be in the Australian squad?

SYDNEY CITY INTO GRAND FINAL

SYDNEY CITY raced into next Sunday's Grand Final when they solidly defeated Sydney Croatia 1 nil at the St George Stadium.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

division, well this would be difficult as we know there is no such thing, and what about the sides that were graded into Group A that failed miserably? Where to next for those?

The ridiculous thought that one hero put up was to let all Division 1 teams play each other in the finals. This is a joke one feels.

Have a good look at the number of state players that are currently playing in Group 2 and in some cases three. Maybe next they will tell us that only Group 1 players should be eligible to represent their own state.

Some acheive greatness . . . others just place it upon themselves and lap it up.

Danny Himbrechts,
Ambarvale, NSW

ED - It is a real turmoil, working out who's where and what's what for some and then for others it is no trouble, that is something we must understand.

LETTER OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

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Dear Sir,
I attended the NSL play-offs and watched all of Sydney Croatia's games and the thing is that I could not believe your headlines after Croatia's match against Sydney City.

Your headline was AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — SEPTEMBER 23, 1985

something like, "SUPERSLICKERS", what a load of trash.

I was attending the same game and my headline would have been something like "BORING TEAM WIN BORING GAME".

This game between these two sides was the worst game of soccer I have seen in Sydney this year. The balme for this in my mind must surely be on Sydney City's shoulders.

My reasoning for this comes from the fact that both Croatia's games against Marconi were wonderful games full of everything that is good in soccer in this country. In my mind the biggest menace to soccer in this country is a successful Sydney City playing the kind of football they do.

Fair dinkum the crowd of 11,000 fell asleep during the Croatia-Sydney City game.

So long live skilful soccer in tis country even with the bad example that exists in the shape of Sydney City.

Michael Cuzic,
Croydon, NSW

ED - I don't know which headline you are referring to pal. You seem to be sadly mistaken, as the only two headlines referring to that match in our publication read — 'THE CRESCENDO NEARS' and 'SYDNEY CITY INTO GRAND FINAL' . . . hardly 'SUPERSLICKERS' as you suggest — all I can say is either you were reading a rival paper or that you have your eyes tested!

ABOVE: One of our headlines and BELOW: the other one that appeared in the same publication — nothing like 'Superslickers'!

THE CRESCENDO NEARS!

BY FRANK COLETTA

SYDNEY CITY yesterday asserted their authority on the Northern top five series

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ASSOCIATION 1986 YOUTH LEAGUE
SELECTION TRIALS

will be held at

WARRIMOO OVAL

Warrimoo Rd. St Ives.

5.30pm to 7.30pm on the following dates—

U/13 & U/14

MONDAYS 14th, 21st, 28th October 1985

U/15 & U/16

WEDNESDAY 16th, 23rd, 30th October 1985

Enquiries to Phil Rees 44 2190

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ELAINE WATSON — NEW AWSA PRESIDENT

MRS ELAINE WATSON of South Queensland is the new president of the Australian Women's Soccer Association.

She succeeded Mr Allan Hampton, who is the president of the Northern NSW Women's Soccer Federation.

Mrs Watson has had a long and extremely active career in Women's soccer, previously having served in the chair from 1977-1984 and being vice-president prior to that.

The first life member of the Association, she has been involved in women's soccer at inter-

state level since 1974, when the first National Championship was held.

In 1980 Elaine Watson was co-manager with Mrs Noelene Stanley when the Australian women toured New Zealand.

And in 1983 she was tour leader in both New Caledonia and Hawaii.

Mr Graham Ross of Northern Territory will add junior development to his position as register.

Victoria's Mrs Betty Hoar has taken over the

areas of National team liaison and major tournaments.

She has held many state and national appointments and is currently vice president of the Victorian Women's Soccer Association.

The new vice president is another long standing and capable official in Mrs Barbara Gibson of Western Australia, the former secretary.

She combines have AWSA interests with those of State secretary in the West.

NSW president Mr Ron Coughy takes over as Director of Finance and ACT president Heather Reid is in charge of promotion, marketing and planning.

Both are very important posts as the involve the future stability of the organisation.

South Australian secretary Diane Murphy attends to Public Relations and Media.

She will have a big task in 1986, when Adelaide hosts the National Championships at Para Hills from September 2/12.

LYNEHAM PRIMARY

A LYNEHAM Primary School girls team won the first ACT Primary School Sports Association Girls Soccer Knockout at the Bruce Stadium on Sunday July 28.

They beat Melba Primary on penalties 3-2 after a scoreless, but hectic and exciting 40 minutes of normal time, to win the Canberra City Girls Soccer Cup.

The trophy, donated by James Hardie Industries and presented by Johnny Warren, was competed for by 16 Canberra Primary Schools. ACTPSSA Girls Soccer

Convener, Chris Kunz says he hopes to have 32 government and non-government schools enter the competition.

Despite the fact that the final was such a close affair, roared on by the most vocal support given to any match on that OASL afternoon — no free kicks for foul tackles needed to be given. There were just 5 foul

throws, 3 hard balls and 1 offside. As in the equally successful ACTPSSA Girls Inter-District Carnival on June 12 involving 16 games, not one player had to be treated for injury.

Kunz believes that a regular weekend competition for girls at Under 10, 12 and 14 levels looks certain to commence in 1987.

LIONEL SNEYD DEPARTS

NORTHERN NSW coach Lionel Sneyd has ended a seven year association with Northern NSW as State coach.

He certainly went out in style, as the various State teams lined up at Wembley Park Box Hill at the National Championships to farewell him.

After a long period on the NSW Central Coast he intends to head off with the family later in the year to a new life on the Gold Coast.

He and wife Irene also were farewelled by friends at the Australian Women's Soccer Association presentation night in Melbourne.

They will nevertheless be looking forward to

the big carnival at Bateau Bay on the Central Coast over the Labour Day weekend October 5/7.

The organisers were forced to close nominations with 78 entries in hand.

It is believed to be the biggest event of its kind in Australia.

Teams from NSW and the ACT compete alongside Northern NSW teams and competitions cover Under 15 and Under 17 grades as well as seniors.

Winning teams this year will receive cash prizes as well as trophies.

FUTURE CHAMPS

THIS group of 1985 Under 17 girls could provide many future international players for Australia.

They are the national "Talent Identification" squad and will come under the eye of National coach Fred Robins.

He is arranging for all the squad members who wish to do so to train under the coaches in

their own home states.

This will give them opportunities to progress in women's soccer in a way that was never available before.

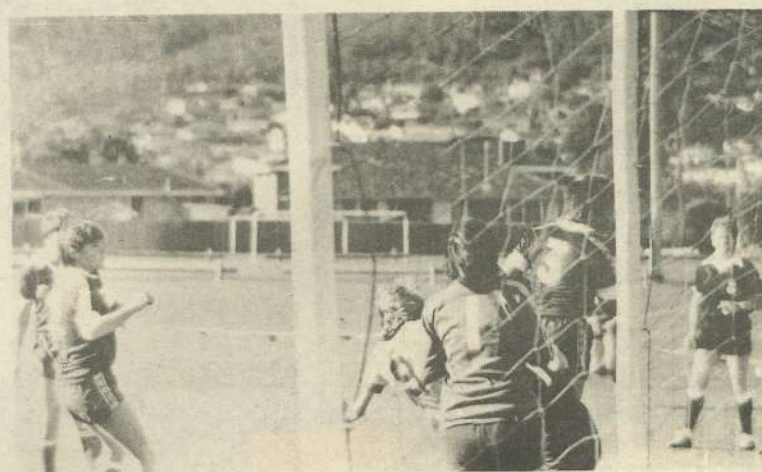
The same system will apply to available Under 15 Talent Identification squad players.



Victoria (dark shirt) takes on a Queenslander in this National Championship battle in Hobart.



Northern NSW No.7 Kelly Job is ready to intercept in this U15 clash with the improving Tasmanian in Hobart.



Goalmouth action as NSW U17 winger Suzie Coughy (No.9) goes in on the Victorian defence at the 1985 Nationals in Hobart.

LONG REEF UNITED SOCCER CLUB

FOR the fifth successive season Long Reef United have won the Manly-Warringah Ladies Soccer Association U/13 Major Premiership.

Long Reef was formed in 1981 and have held the U13 Major Premiership ever since. This means that a different group of girls representing Long Reef have

won the junior championship every year.

We think that this is a remarkable and enviable record. The U/13 Competition is the

youngest available age group for girls in Manly-Warringah. As such Long Reef has demonstrated an amazing ability to develop talented junior players.



Picture are: back row, left to right— Ian Stevens (Manager), Leanne Palmer, Judith Dunstan, Fiona Stevens (Captain), Simone Butterworth, Jenny Lewis, Cindy Courteille, Jimmy Delaney (Coach). Front row, left to right— Stephanie Noonan, Samantha Clench, Shannon Delaney (Mascot), Caroline Forrester, Karen Noonan, Monique Molinaroli, Angela Lewis, Nani Titchen.



The Dundas United women's team takes the stage after receiving their trophies for winning their competition in the Holroyd Ladies Soccer Association in Sydney. Holroyd is one of the biggest women's associations. Castle Hill Soccer Club joined the ranks this year and further additions to the ranks are being planned for 1986.



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ST GEORGE YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

Frank Arok and St George BBC invite players to trial for Division 1 Youth League
Under 13 & 14s,
Tuesday, October 1st 1985
Under 15 & 16s,
Thursday October 3rd 1985
at 5.30pm
St George Stadium,
Bestic Street, Rockdale
Please contact Youth League
co-ordinator — Brian Long on
587 4204



A midfield challenge from South Queensland winger Leanne Augustine on a Northern NSW U15 opponent (white shirt) in Hobart.

UK Scene

McAVENNIE NOT A 'BAD BOY'

FRANK McAVENNIE, West Ham's new goalscorer from St Mirren in Scotland, denies he is a "playboy" who could go off the rails like that other famous Scot Charlie Nicholas.



Frank McAvennie of West Ham.

There have been whispers that McAvennie likes the grog too much and he has a "bad boy" image. He insists: "I have come to England to play football — I'm not going the way Charlie Nicholas went."

"People say I've got a reputation as a boozier but that's absolute rubbish. I've been to a few discos in Glasgow and I like a pint after a game

but that's it. I'm no bad boy."

McAvennie is a midfielder but in his short time at West Ham, he has already demonstrated he will get goals.

The Hammers paid St Mirren nearly \$700,000 to get him. And having invested all that money, West Ham are hoping their new Scottish star is able to handle the bright lights of the big city ... off the field.

BAD BREAK FOR MARTIN

MARTIN McGAUGHEY of Linfield, who plays in the Irish League, has been called "the Ian Rush of Northern Ireland."

It's not hard to discover why. In the 1984-85 season, Martin banged in 57 goals for the Belfast club.

But English clubs

anxious to buy him can forget it.

McGaughey has a knee injury and it looks like keeping him out of football for a year.

THE RICH STILL GET RICHER

IT is estimated that at least \$40,000,000 will be needed if all British football clubs are to make their grounds safe in their efforts to avoid a repeat of the Bradford fire disaster.

As might be expected, this awesome bill has caused most clubs to say there is no way they can finance the safety measures and the only alternative is to go into liquidation.

Yet while so many face extinction, there is

no doubt that a few clubs are doing very nicely, making huge profits and expecting even more cash to roll in.

For instance, last season, Manchester United had a profit of more than \$3,000,000. Everton regarded the signing of Gary Lineker at \$1,600,000 as a bargain; second division Sunderland agreed to pay their new manager Lawrie McMenemy a million

dollars over a three-year period; and even Nottingham Forest, not one of the glamour clubs, lashed out \$2,000,000 on new players during the lose season.

Forest boss Brian Clough has no doubts that soccer will prosper, as he indicated with the comment: "I have invested an awful lot of money in my belief that the game has a much healthier future."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has been keeping an eye on massive club expenditure and cannot be blamed for observing: "There seems to be a lot of money about!"

To be realistic, though, of the 92 clubs in the Football League, about 80 have financial headaches ... with the big money circulating among the other 12.

IN these days of dwindling attendances, the crowd for the Arsenal v Manchester United match at Highbury (37,145) may have seemed pretty good — but it wasn't.

This fixture was a guaranteed 50,000 sell-out at Highbury a few years ago, regardless of how the teams were going or what the weather was like.

Last season, there were more than 48,000 at the Arsenal — United game.

FERGUSON HAS LITTLE CASH

WHILE it seems clubs have to pay out up to a million pounds for top-class players, it remains a mystery how some of them remain competitive.

Take Ipswich Town. They have been one of the top teams in England in the past two decades yet they have never generated the sort of revenue which allows them to play huge money in transfer fees.

At the start of the new season, Ipswich manager Bobby Ferguson was told he had \$200,000 to spend on new players.

"I think I'm a millionaire, but I'll have to be careful how I spend all that money," said Ferguson.

ARSENAL PLAYERS NEED DISCIPLINE

LATEST on Don Howe's problems with his Arsenal players ... the following quote from Howe neds no comment:—

"I have tried enlightened discipline and unfortunately it doesn't work."

"The players have forced me to act like a schoolmaster. I believe in discipline, especially self-discipline, and that might be considered a bit of a laugh when you look back on what went on last season."

"It besmirched the

name of a famous club. Some incidents showed lack of respect for me and for Arsenal. I am not putting up with that."

"Any player who steps out of line should know what the punishment will be."

Incidentally, this is Arsenal's Centenary season. "It would be marvellous to celebrate with the championship," said the Arsenal boss.

RON IS NOT FUNNY

DOUR Ron Saunders is not known as one of the funny men of football but the Birmingham City boss produced some unconscious humour after his team lost to Chelsea 2-0.

Summing-up, Saunders said: "If you take the two goals away, there was nothing in the match."

We don't think Saunders was trying to crack a joke.

CROWD DID WELL

THE MAIL ON SUNDAY, a London newspaper, has started something new this season — an assessment of crowd behaviour on the end of every match report.

Fortunately, virtually every match has ended with the comment ... CROWD — well behaved.

MILLER GRABS RECORD

ABERDEEN skipper Willie Miller has broken the club's appearance record, previously held by goalkeeper Bobby Clark.

Clark played 697 first team games for the club in 15 years. Now Miller has gone over the 700 mark ... in only 13 years.

CITY FIND A BIG TALENT

THE good judges are all predicting a big future for a Manchester City midfielder who was born near Moenchengladbach in Germany.

His name is David Phillips. His dad was stationed in Germany with the RAF when he came into the world.

Later when Phillips senior was moved back to England, young David was signed by Plymouth Argyle where he played in defence, midfield and in the forwards — soon attracted scouts from wealthy clubs.

David Phillips was transferred to Manchester City for \$200,000 and at Maine Road, he is now rated the best midfielder they've had since the great Colin Bell.

Phillips has played nine times for Wales and, in a memorable World Cup win in Glasgow, he played Scotland's Graeme Souness out of the game.

The player was 22 recently. His boss at Manchester City, Billy McNeill, says: "David is developing nicely and there is still a lot of scope in him for advancement. He could become a household name."

Strongly-built, this young man played in every position on the field for Plymouth

Argyle and he recalls with pride: "When Plymouth gave me 12 games as a striker, I banged in

eight goals."

David Phillips is clearly a name for your notebook.



Dave Phillips jumps for joy after scoring one of his typical powerhouse goal early this season.

SOCCER WORLD



ATKINSON IS TIP FOR TOP JOB

TIPSTERS are almost unanimous in their view that England's next international team manager will be Terry Venables, now doing very nicely with Barcelona.

England skipper Bryan Robson, however, has other ideas.

Robson believes his club boss Ron Atkinson would be an ideal choice to take over the reins for England when Bobby Robson is replaced.

"Ron Atkinson is very

English-minded, always wanting to help the national team when he can," said the United skipper.

"He would miss the day-to-day involvement of club football but I am convinced he could adapt as successor to Bobby Robson," added Bryan.



Nice try, Eamonn

EAMONN ANDREWS and the 'This Is Your Life' team had a unique glimpse at the problems facing England manager **BOBBY ROBSON**.

They wanted to assemble the full international squad to surprise captain **BRYAN ROBSON** (right) in a recent programme, but had to drop the idea because they were nearly all unavailable through club commitments.

RUSH MISSES CASH

IAN RUSH, the dynamic Liverpool and Wales goalscorer, has revealed for the first time how he missed out on a transfer which would have made him an instant millionaire (in pounds sterling!) 18 months ago.

In his autobiography, titled simply "Rush," the Welshman says he could have been playing now for Napoli and receiving undreamt-of wealth.

The deal Napoli offered Rush was \$2,000,000 signing-on fee paid straight into his bank account, plus \$500,000 a year for three years. Liverpool were to receive a \$9,000,000 transfer fee for the player.

Liverpool, worried because they had recently lost Graeme Souness to Sampdoria, wanted time to think about the deal.

Napoli could not wait — because the Italian transfer deadline was due 48

hours later. So they went to Barcelona and spent \$13,000,000 to sign Argentina's Diego Maradona.

Rush does not hide his feelings about how all that money escaped him.

For some time, he would not even talk to Liverpool's boss man, John Smith, the club chairman.

Had the Napoli deal gone through, it would have guaranteed security not only for Ian Rush but also for his parents and 10 brothers and sisters in the big Rush family!

One thing is obvious. Ian Rush has not given up hope of playing in a foreign country when his Liverpool commitments are fulfilled.



Ian Rush — he would have been in Italy if he had his way.

SPANISH GAMES BACK ON TV

SPAIN, like England, is having problems arranging a suitable deal for TV match coverage.

In fact, soccer was off Spanish screens for 12 months until a recent agreement was arranged.

The TV ban cost clubs at least \$2,000,000.

Now TV will pay clubs \$4,000,000 to cover at least eight first division

matches, an option on four more plus a weekend football programme.

That's not as much as clubs wanted — they were asking \$10,000,000 — but they hope the new deal will lead to something bigger and better.

FEE SET

SPORTING LISBON and Arsenal could not agree on the transfer fee the Portuguese club should pay for **Raphael Meade**.

Sporting offered \$100,000 for the player; Arsenal said the figure should be \$200,000.

That's quite a difference.

UEFA was brought in to arrange a suitable fee.

EUROPEAN SPIES CHECK FANS

UEFA, bosses of soccer in Europe, will send a team of spies to England to make an independent assessment of how spectators are having at matches.

In mid-October, UEFA's executive committee will have to make a decision on the length of its ban on English clubs.

To make sure all sides are given a fair go,

UEFA wants a fair assessment of how the fans are conducting themselves in the UK.

Rene Eberle, publicity officer for UEFA, said: "We are trying to find the best way to get

neutral and confidential reports on English crowd behaviour.

"It would not be satisfactory to rely solely on assurances given by the English."



Firemen turn the hoses on a rioting crowd in Argentina.

ENZO'S CUP TIPS

ENZO BEARZOT, who knows just what is needed to coach a team to World Cup success, has named his favourites for Mexico next year.

Bearzot likes the look of South America's Brazil and Argentina but he also warns there could be a tough European challenge from England, Hungary and France.

He made his predictions BEFORE France were well beaten 2-0 by East Germany in

Leipzig.

Now the skilful Frenchmen will have to overcome Yugoslavia to be sure of even qualifying.

If Michel Platini fires, France, with home ground advantage, ought to beat Yugoslavia.



Bearzot — picking the main dangers to Italy's crown.

GREAT FEAT BY CANADA

CANADA will play in the World Cup Finals in Mexico next year — a first, and very important, breakthrough for the Canadians.

This is the first time Canada has made it to the final stages of the Cup, but their team is unlikely to pick up anything in Mexico — apart from certain defeats.

Nevertheless, full marks to yet another unfashionable nation for gatecrashing the big-time.

The way FIFA is organising the World

Cup these days, it'll be almost impossible for the emerging countries to win a place in the sun.

To get to Mexico, Canada had to win a final elimination group in which Honduras and Costa Rica were the other teams.

The Canadians beat Honduras in the vital last game, winning 2-1 with goals from George

Pakos and Igor Vrablic.

Incidentally, did you hear about the travel agent who sent the Honduras supporters to the wrong place for that big game?

The match was played in St John's Newfoundland but the agent sent the fans to Saint John, New Brunswick. The bookings were made in New York City.



CHIT CHAT

COLIN McADAM, Adelaide City's Scottish import, has returned to the UK and will play for Hearts in the Scottish Premier League.

But he should be back with City in April — provided firm terms can be arranged.

McAdam, signed from Rangers, was on a contract until November as a full-time professional but not all promises have been kept.

"I brought my wife and family out here to settle," said the 32 year old defender.

"There is no hard feelings, but the club has not been able to get me a job and I can't live on air."

"I love Adelaide and Australia and we will be back for next season if all conditions can be met."

McAdam will pick up \$20,000 from Hearts who left a place on its books for him if he returned from Australia.

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NICKNAMES are a big thing in the N.S.L. fraternity including players, officials, coaches and the media.

Here are some of them:

'F.F.', 'Cannon', 'Bonox', 'The Godfather', 'The Tall One', 'St Kilda', 'Red Cross', 'Charles Bronson', 'Fluggers', 'Paul Newman', 'Forever', 'Rocky', 'Randwick', 'Gollywog', 'Hollywood', 'Dallas', 'Marijuana', 'Da Kraut'.

Not a bad variety eh?

If you are in any doubt as to who is who, well don't fret most of the soccer people wouldn't have a clue either!

SCOTLAND manager **JOCK STEIN** was set to come to Australia for the World Cup qualifying matches.

"The Big Man", who died of a heart attack as Scotland drew 1-1 with Wales in a World Cup qualifier, had contacted colleague **TOM ANDERSON** in Amsterdam this month.

He asked him to arrange accommodation for him here as he wanted to check out the Oceania teams.

Tom was travelling with the Youth squad and Jock tracked him down in Holland.

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Of last week's incisive story concerning Blacktown's Robert Wheatley, ASW regrets if the source's information was misunderstood and hope that it was not taken out of its correct context.

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JOHN CONSTANTINE, President of the NSW Soccer Federation, scored full points at the NSW Rothmans Medal dinner at Sydney's Hilton Hotel during his speech.

The Sydney solicitor, fired a broadside to a fellow Lawman and a leading NSL official residing in Melbourne.

The Victorian Lawman poured buckets on Australia's football coaches, tactics and imported players, at the A.S.P.A. Olympic Airways Soccer League Awards Night.

And all before T.V. Cameras would you believe!

John, your objection is more than sustained.

Victoria 0 NSW 1.

WEST Goalkeeper **GARY SPROUL** got a shock last week.

Ready to train after a knee operation the wound became swollen, and one doctor told him it looked as if he needed another operation.

But a check by a specialist resulted in an all-clear, along with a warning to build the knee up gradually, and he would be right for the summer Ampol Cup series.



John Constantine, pictured at the NSW Rothmans Medal dinner where he more than spoke his mind.

IT looks as if Adelaide City has picked up a bargain for next season.

He is **TOM WARRILOW**, a giant defender from the Canterbury club in England, signed on earlier this season to play in the club's reserve team in the State League Second Division.

Overweight for the NSL, he improved with every game and finally was selected in the Second Division representative side.

He looks set for a permanent NSL spot.

SHARON HARVEY, SBS Television's stunning Assistant Producer, proved to be a knock-out attraction at the Rothmans Gold Medal dinner at Sydney's Sheraton-Wentworth Hotel.

Sharon is rarely seen in public, as she's a most industrious lass making things happen behind the scenes in Televisionland.

In all Live Satellite telecasts brought to us through the TV into our lounge-rooms by SBS, Sharon together with Gary Thornthwaite make it all happen.

Boy, was that some task when recently dealing with Russia bringing into Australia the World Youth Championships.

Thanks Sharon and Gary.



Sharon Harvey and Gary Thornthwaite pictured at the Rothmans National League dinner at the Sheraton-Wentworth. By the way, Sharon is the stunner on the left!

MICHAEL CLEARY, NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation, and former Australian international Union and League player, brought the house down at the NSW Rothmans dinner last week at Sydney's Hilton Hotel.

Special guest for the evening, was none other than ex-Arsenal's manager, Terry Neill.

Cleary having finished a hilarious speech that had the guests all rolling with laughter, "bombed it" with the line wide open as he introduced Terry Neill.

Cleary: "And now I would like to call up our special guest, Mr TREVOR Neill."

It went over like a lead balloon.

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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY got a very strange phone call this week, from of all people, **BRITISH AIRWAYS**!

Now you might say, how is this so strange? Well it seems they were trying to locate one **TERRY NEILL**. You see Terrance had forgot to turn up at the airport to catch his ride home!

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NOT wanting to sound the inquisitive lot, but ASW wonders if **ALAN DAVIDSON** would have been allowed to come home from Notts Forest if he had truly been fully fit.

Food for thought, isn't it?

GARY THORNTWHAITE, Soccer Producer for SBS Television, having completed his contract with the Network, is off overseas this Wednesday.

Gary has been contracted for three weeks to do some film work around the Greek Islands.

Three weeks on the **GREEK ISLANDS** and the guy gets paid for it.

Nice work if you can get it.

Bon Voyage Gazza.

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PETER RASKOPOULOS, Sydney Olympic's NSL captain, is rumoured to be going to Perth next year.

"Randwick" has relatives in Western Australia, and has been asked to join in a family business there.

If this eventuates Peter will be a huge loss for Sydney Olympic.



Alan Davidson dispossesses former Juventus now Verona craftsman, Beniamino Vignola.



'Bronson' challenges 'Randwick'.

CLUB MARCONI SOCCER

Applications are now being accepted from qualified junior coaches for the positions of:

Junior Director of Coaching and Junior coaches for Under 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 age groups.

Applications will close at 4pm, 7th October.

Junior players selection trials will be held at

Club Marconi on Saturday October 19

Under 10 and 11 at 9.30am, Under 12, 13 at 11am, Under 14 and 15 at 1pm and Under 16's at 3pm.



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